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The SPECTATOR.

—Dare Jura maritis. Hor.

Friday, November 30. 1711.

MR. SPECTATOR,

'YOU have not ſpoken in ſo direct a Manner upon the Subject of Marriage as that important Caſe deſerves. It would not be improper to obſerve, the Peculiarity in the Youth of *Great Britain*, railling and Laughing at that Inſtitution; and as they fall into it, from a proſtigate Habit of being inſenſible of the Satisfactions in that State of Life, and treating their Wives with the barbarous Diſreſpect, ticular Circumſtances and Caſt of Temper, ach a Man the Probability of mighty Unes in that State, (for unqueſtionably ſome are whoſe very Diſpoſitions are ſtrangely to conjugal Friendſhip;) but no one, I beby his own natural Complexion prompted and torment another for no Reaſon but arly allied to him: And can there be any more baſe, or ſerve to ſink a Man ſo much own diſtinguiſhing Characteriſtick, (I Reaſon) than returning Evil for Good in a Manner, as that of treating an helpleſs with Unkindneſs, who has had ſo good nion of him as to believe what he ſaid to one of the greateſt Concerns of Life, livering her Happineſs in this World to his and Protection? Muſt not that Man be abaneven to all Manner of Humanity, who can a Woman with Appearances of Affection dneſs, for no other End but to torment with more Eaſe and Authority? Is any thing unlike a Gentleman, than when his Honour ged for the performing his Promiſes, being but that can oblige him to it, to afterwards falſe to his Word, and be alone caſion of Miſery to one whoſe Happineſs lately pretended was dearer to him than Ought ſuch a one to be truſted in his Affairs? or treated but as one whoſe Honconſiſted only in his Incapacity of being o-

There is one Cauſe of this Uſage no leſs abthan common, which takes Place among the unthinking Men; and that is the Deſire to their Friends free and at Liberty, and for this Reaſon ſhould they appear the what they were ſo much uſed to laugh they would become the Jeſt of themſelves, and the Object of that Raillery they formerly beſtowed on others. To avoid this they fly into the other Extream, and grow Tyrants that they may ſeem Maſters. Becauſe an uncontroulable Command of their own Actions is a certain Sign of entire Dominion, they wont ſo much as recede from the Government even in one Muſcle of their Faces. A kind Look they believe would be fawning, and a civil Anſwer yielding the Superiority. To this muſt we attribute an Auſterity they betray in every Action: What but this can put a Man out of Humour in his Wife's Company, tho' he is ſo diſtinguiſhingly pleaſant every where elſe? The Bitterneſs of his Replies and the Severity of his Frowns to the tendereſt of Wives, clearly demonſtrate, that an ill-grounded Fear of being thought too ſubmiſſive, is at the Bottom of this, as I am willing to call it, affected Moroſeneſs; but if it be ſuch only, put on to convince his Acquaintance of his entire Dominion, let him take Care of the Conſequence, which will be certain, and worſe than the preſent Evil; his ſeeming Indifference will by Degrees grow into real Contempt, and if it doth not wholly alienate the Affections of his Wife for ever from him, make both him and her more miſerable than if it really did ſo.

'However inconſiſtent it may appear, to be thought a well bred Perſon has no ſmall Share in this clownish Behaviour: A Diſcourſe therefore relating to Good-breeding towards a loving and a tender Wife, would be of great uſe to this ſort of Gentlemen. Could you but once convince them, that to be civil at leaſt is not beneath the Character of a Gentleman, nor even tender Affection, towards one who would make it reciprocal, betray any Softneſs or Effeminacy that the moſt maſculine Diſpoſition need be aſhamed of: Could you ſatisfy them of the Generoſity of voluntary Civility, and the Greatneſs of Soul that is conſpicuous in Benevolence without immediate Obligations; could you recommend to People's Practice the Saying of the Gentleman quoted in one of your Speculations, *That he thought it incumbent upon him to make the Inclinations of a Woman of Merit go along with her Duty*: Could you, I ſay, perſwade theſe Men of the Beauty and Reaſonableneſs of this Sort of Behaviour, I have ſo much Charity for ſome of them at leaſt, to believe you would convince them of a thing they

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‘ are only ashamed to allow: Besides, you would ‘ recommend that State in its truest, and conse- ‘ quently its most agreeable Colours; and the Gen- ‘ tlemen who have for any Time been such profes- ‘ sed Enemies to it, when Occasion should serve ‘ would return you their Thanks for assisting their ‘ Interest in prevailing over their Prejudices. Mar- ‘ riage in general would by this Means be a more ‘ easy and comfortable Condition; the Husband ‘ would be no where so well satisfied as in his own ‘ Parlour, nor the Wife so pleasant as in the Com- ‘ pany of her Husband; a Desire of being agreea- ‘ ble in the Lover would be increased in the Hus- ‘ band, and the Mistress be more amiable by becom- ‘ ing the Wife. Besides all which, I am apt to be- ‘ lieve we should find the Race of Men grow wi- ‘ ser as their Progenitors grew kinder, and the Af- ‘ fection of the Parents would be conspicuous in ‘ the Wisdom of their Children; in short, Men ‘ would in general be much better humoured than ‘ they are, did not they so frequently exercise the ‘ worst Turns of their Temper where they ought ‘ to exert the best.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

‘ I Am a Woman who left the Admiration of this ‘ whole Town, to throw my self (by Love of ‘ Wealth) into the Arms of a Fool. When I mar- ‘ ried him I could have had any one of several Men ‘ of Sense who languished for me; but my Case is ‘ just, I believed my Superiour Understanding ‘ would form him into a tractable Creature. But ‘ alass my Spouse has Cunning and Suspicion, the ‘ inseparable Companions of little Minds; and e- ‘ very Attempt I make to divert, by putting on an ‘ agreeable Air, a sudden Chearfulness, or kind Be- ‘ haviour, he looks upon as the first Acts towards ‘ an Insurrection against his undeserved Dominion ‘ over me. Let every one who is still to chuse, ‘ and hopes to govern a Fool, remember

TRISTISSA.

Mr. SPECTATOR, *St. Martins, November* 25.

‘ THIS is to complain of an evil Practice which ‘ I think very well deserves a Redress, tho’ ‘ you have not as yet taken any Notice of it: If ‘ you mention it in your Paper, it may perhaps ‘ have a very good Effect. What I mean is the ‘ Disturbance some People give to others at Church, ‘ by their Repitition of the Prayers after the Mini- ‘ ster, and that not only in the Prayers, but also the ‘ Absolution and the Commandments fare no bet- ‘ ter, which are in a particular Manner the Priest’s ‘ Office: This I have known done in so audible ‘ a Manner, that sometimes their Voices have been ‘ as loud as his. As little as you would think it, ‘ this is frequently done by People seemingly de- ‘ vout. This irreligious Inadvertency is a thing ‘ extremely offensive; but I do not recommend it ‘ as a thing I give you Liberty to ridicule, but hope ‘ it may be amended by the bare Mention.

SIR,

Your very humble Servant,

T. S.

By Her Majesty’s Company of Comedians.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, this present Friday, being the 30th Day of November, will be presented the last reviv’d Play call’d Philaster, or Love lies a bleeding. The Part of Philaster by Mr. Wilks, Bellario by Mrs. Sherborn, the King by Mr. Keene, Arethusa the Princess by Mrs. Porter, Pharamond Prince of Spain by Mr. Cibber, Lord Dion by Mr. Mills, the Citizens by Mr. Bullock, Mr. Pack, Mr. Norris, Mr. Leigh, Mr. Burkhead, Mr. Spiller. To which will be added a Farce of one Act only call’d the Country Wake. The Part of Rob by Mr. Dogget, Sir Thomar Testy by Mr. Bullock, Friendly by Mr. Pack, Flor by Mrs. Santlow.

This is to give Notice to all Promoters of the Holy Worship, and to all the Lovers of the Italian Tongue, that on Sunday next being the 2d of December, at 5 in the Afternoon, in Oxendon-Chappel in Oxendon-Street near the Hay-Market, there will be Divine Service in the Italian Tongue, and will continue every Sunday at the abovesaid Hour, with an Italian Sermon preached by Mr. Casotti, Italian Minister, Author of a new Method of teaching the Italian Tongue to Ladies, &c. ⁂ Note, If any Lady or Gentleman desires to be instructed in the same Language, they need only send a Note for Mr. Casotti at Mr. Roberts’s at the Queen’s-Head in Litchfield Street, Soho.

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